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SUBJECT: RIAD INTERVIEW ON AMERICAN-EUROPEAN "QUARREL"

IN ME AND ROLE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER.

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1. TO GIVE SOME PERSPECTIVE TO RIAD'S REMARKS TO LA PRESSE REGARDING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ROLE IN ME, WE BELIEVE HIS OPINIONS TO BE QUITE PURELY HIS OWN. IN 1971 AS SADAT'S FOREIGN MINISTER RIAD MAINTAINED A THOROUGHLY SKEPTICAL VIEW OF ROGERS INITIATIVE AND WAS MOVED INTO ARAB LEAGUE IN PART BECAUSE OF HIS STRONG AND CONSTANT OPPOSITION TO US PROPOSAL FOR PARTIAL SETTLEMENT IN SINAI. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS DURING THIS PERIOD UNDOUBTEDLY SERVED TO REINFORCE HIS VIEWS. THESE WERE SIMILARLY FORCEFULLY STATED DURING RECENT VISIT BY CONGRESSMAN FRELINGHUYSEN (REFTEL) WHEN RIAD SUGGESTED THAT
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DISENGAGEMENT MIGHT BE A GREAT ISRAELI "TRAP", AND THAT HE

WAS SIMPLY WAITING TO SEE WHAT SECRETARY WOULD DO NEXT.

2. UNTIL THERE IS A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT TO ME QUESTION,
WE SHOULD EXPECT MORE OF THE SAME FROM RIAD, THE INTEGRITY
OF WHOSE VIEWS ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE HAS BEEN A CONSTANT
FOR ALMOST THREE YEARS. HIS OVERT SKEPTICISM IS NOT SHARED,
HOWEVER, AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE GYPTIAN GOVERNMENT.
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